19 Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliar.
20 Sri M. Jangal Reddiar.
21 Sri M. Selvaraj.
22 Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar.
23 Sri A. R. Marimuthu.
24 Sri S. M. Annamalai."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : I nominate the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu, the Minister for Revenue as the Chairman of the Select Committee.

VI.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER—*cont.*

(3) COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that out of the fifteen members who were nominated to the Committee on Public Accounts, as a result of the election held to-day, i.e., 10th April 1958, the following fourteen members have been declared duly elected to the Committee on Public Accounts for the year 1958–59 :—

1 Sri K. S. Ardhanareeswara Gounder.
2 Sri K. S. G. Haja Sheriff.
3 Sri M. Jagannathan.
4 Sri M. Kalyanasundaram.
5 Sri M. Karunanithi.
6 Sri V. A. Muthaiya.
7 Sri T. M. Nallaswami.
8 Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar.
9 Sri K. Ramasubbu.
10 Sri P. U. Shanmugam.
11 Srimathi Dr. Soundaram Ramachandran.
12 Sri M. D. Thiagaraja Pillai.
13 Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai.
14 Sri M. William.

Under Rule 171 (2), the Hon. the Minister for Finance is a Member of the Committee, ex-officio.

Under Rule 172 of the Assembly Rules, I nominate Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar as the Chairman of the Committee.

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(4) THE PRISONERS (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 14 OF 1958).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move that the Prisoners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958[a] (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1958) be taken into consideration.

[a] Published in the *Fort St. George Gazette,* dated 31th March 1958.

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The High Court of Madras was the Court of Sessions for the Presidency Town (the City of Madras) prior to 1st January 1956. But a Court of Sessions for the Presidency Town has been established with effect from that date. According to sections 5 to 12 of the Prisoners Act, 1900, the authorities in charge of prisons in the Madras City can receive prisoners convicted by the High Court. They cannot, however, receive prisoners convicted by City Sessions Court. It is found necessary, therefore, to amend sections 5, 7, 10 and 11 and to omit section 8 of the Prisoners Act, 1900 so that the authorities in charge of prisons in the Madras City, can receive prisoners convicted by the City Sessions Court. It is also proposed to omit Part VII of the Act dealing with "transportation" as such a punishment has been abolished.

Section 29 of the Prisoners Act, 1900 specifies the powers of Government in regard to the removal of prisoners from one jail to another. This section does not refer to undertrials and under this section neither the Inspector-General of Prisons, nor the Collecors, nor the Government have any powers to order transfer of undertrial prisoners from one sub-jail to another. To remove the above administrative difficulty, it is proposed to amend section 29 of the Prisoners Act, 1900 to provide specifically for the transfer of undertrial prisoners and to empower the Collectors, their Personal Assistants and Revenue Divisional Officers to order transfer of undertrials from one sub-jail to another sub-jail and the Inspector-General of Prisons to order transfer of undertrials from Central Jails, District Jails and Subsidiary Jails to other jails.

Sir, the Bill is intended to make necessary provisions to achieve the objects referred to above.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

1-53 p.m. "That the Prisoners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1958), be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clause 2 was put and carrried.

Clause 3 was put and carried.

Clause 4 was put and carried.

Clause 5 was put and carried.

Clause 6 was put and carried.

Clause 7 was put and carried.

Clauses 8 and 9 were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I move—

"That the Prisoners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1958), be passed."

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MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Prisoners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1958), be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

MR. SPEAKER : I want to say only a few words. We have been discussing the budget and other very important Bills for over forty days. I am very happy that we have come to the end of this very tiring and very busy session. For that I must be grateful to the Hon. Ministers, to the hon. Leader of the Opposition to the leaders of other parties and to all the hon. Members here. My grateful thanks are also due to the Deputy Speaker and the Panel of Chairmen who helped me in doing this job without much trouble.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I must congratulate the Hon. Speaker on behalf of the Members of this House for the very amiable manner in which he has conducted the proceedings of this House.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : I also take this opportunity to thank the Hon. the Speaker for his sympathetic attitude and the manner in which he conducted the proceedings of this House.

MR. SPEAKER : I want to ask the pardon of all hon. Members for not having given them much time or sufficient opportunities. I thank you all very much.

I now adjourn the House *sine die*.

The House then adjourned.